

Sunday 29th March 2020
The Fifth Sunday of Lent
Passiontide begins



At this time of great difficulty we hold you all in our prayers and ask God to be with each one of us and all those who are unwell, worried or lonely

Collect for the Week

Gracious Father,
you gave up your Son
out of love for the world:
lead us to ponder the mysteries of his passion,
that we may know eternal peace
through the shedding of our Saviour's blood,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

An online service, via our YouTube channel, will be posted on the website today.

THIS WEEK AHEAD

MONDAY 30th

TUESDAY 31st *John Donne, Priest, Poet, 1631*

WEDNESDAY 1st April *Frederic Denison Maurice, Priest, Teacher of the Faith, 1872*

THURSDAY 2nd

2.00 pm Graveside funeral of Kathleen Lambert

FRIDAY 3rd *Richard Bishop of Chichester*

SATURDAY 4th *St Ambrose Bishop of Milan*

NEXT SUNDAY 5th April

Palm Sunday, Sunday Next before Easter

Online service will be posted on the website

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NEWS and NOTES

Advice from the Church of England - Coronavirus

As of this week all acts of public worship are suspended. The Parish Office is also closed for visitor but phone calls and emails will be picked up attended to. Do call if we can of any help or support.

PRAYER FROM THE DIOCESE OF ROCHESTER

Keep us, good Lord, under the shadow of your mercy.

Sustain and support the anxious, be with those who care for the sick, and lift up all who are brought low: that we may find comfort knowing that nothing can separate us from your love in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Amen

Food Banks

Please continue to support our local food banks with you contributions. Their stocks are already running low, as shopping has become so difficult. You can place items in the box outside the Vicarage or give financial contributions directly yourself.

Rusthall Lodge Closed to Visitors

Due to the corona virus, the home has been closed for the time being to minimize the risk to residents. Please remember both staff and residents in your prayers.

Safeguarding

Please would everyone in any role at church kindly undertake online safeguarding training at the level of Basic Awareness (C0), which is available at: www.rochester.anglican.org/resources/safeguarding/ On completion, please send certificates to: office@stpaulsrusthall.org.uk

Perhaps now is an ideal time to do the course, with so many of us at home.

Congratulations!

Karen and Julian Miller are pleased to announce the safe arrival of their grandson Elijah, born Monday 23rd March and weighing 7lb 8oz. Dad Daniel, Mum Ishbel, and baby are all fine and hunkering down at home in Ross-on-Wye, waiting for this crisis to be over so that he can meet the rest of his family!

Fairtrade Goods

We have a good stock of food items, and the usual goodies, at the Parish Office. If you need anything, please call Ginette and she will arrange for the items to be delivered.